

Article 7 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes subject to the modifications of this Charter. Nothing contained in this Charter shall be construed to prevent the form of government of the Town of Cary from being changed as by law provided.

"ARTICLE II. CORPORATE BOUNDARIES

"Section 2.1. Existing corporate boundaries. The corporate limits of the Town shall be those existing at the time of the ratification of this Charter and as the same may be altered from time to time in accordance with law. The Town Planning Director shall prepare a map to be designated 'Map of the Town of Cary Corporate Limits' showing the corporate limits as the same may exist as of the effective date of this Charter. The Town Planning Director may also prepare a written description of the corporate limits as shown on said map to be designated 'Description of Cary Corporate Limits'. Said map and description shall be retained permanently in the Office of the Town Clerk as the official map and a description of the corporate limits of the Town. Immediately upon alteration of the corporate limits made pursuant to law from time to time, the Town Planning Director shall indicate such alteration by making appropriate changes and/or additions to said official map and description. Photographic or other types of copies of said official map or description certified as by law provided for the certification of ordinances shall be admitted in evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as would the official map or description.

"Section 2.2. Extension of corporate boundaries. All extensions of the corporate boundaries shall be governed by general law.

"ARTICLE III. MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

"Section 3.1. Form of government. The government of the Town and the general management and control of all its affairs shall be vested in a Town Council, which shall be elected and shall exercise its powers in the manner hereinafter provided, except that the Town Manager shall have the authority hereinafter specified.

"Section 3.2. Number and qualification of council members and mayor generally.

(a) The Town Council shall consist of six members, two of whom shall be elected at large by all the qualified voters of the Town, and four of whom shall be elected by the qualified voters of each of four single-member electoral districts, respectively, as established by the Town Council pursuant to the law. Terms of council members shall be overlapping four-year terms. In the 2001 election and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected, for four-year terms, one council member from electoral district A, one council member from electoral district C, and one council member from the Town at large. In the 2003 election and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected, for four-year terms, one council member from electoral district B, one council member from electoral district D, and one council member from the Town at large.

(b) The Mayor shall be elected by all the qualified voters of the Town, for a term of four years, in the 2003 election and quadrennially thereafter. The Mayor shall have the right to vote on all matters before the Town Council.

(c) The method of election of the Mayor and Town Council shall be the nonpartisan election and runoff method to be conducted as provided in G.S.163-293.

"Section 3.3. Legislative powers. All the legislative powers of the Town shall be vested in the Mayor and Town Council. The Mayor and Town Council shall meet at the time prescribed by law following each election, and those elected shall take the oath of office as prescribed by law to perform faithfully the duties of their respective offices. The Mayor shall have all rights, duties, and responsibilities of a councilman. A Mayor Pro Tempore shall be elected by the Town Council from among its own members and shall hold office as Mayor Pro Tempore during the pleasure of the Council. The